

1 **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24**

2 (By Senators Prezioso, Unger, McCabe, Hall, K. Facemyer, Palumbo,
3 Boley, Barnes, Yost, Edgell, D. Facemire, Foster, Laird, Minard,
4 Helmick, Jenkins, Beach, Browning, Stollings, Klempa, Wells,
5 Wills, Miller, Chafin, Tucker, Williams, Sypolt,
6 Plymale, Nohe, Kessler (Acting President), Fanning, Snyder and
7 Green)

8
9 Designating February 9, 2011, as "Disability Advocacy Day".

10 Whereas, There are more than 400,000 West Virginians with
11 disabilities; and

12 Whereas, People with disabilities have the right to equal
13 opportunity to live full productive lives in the community of
14 their choice; and

15 Whereas, People with disabilities have the right to receive
16 supports they need to exercise self-determination, achieve
17 independence, contribute to their communities, and become
18 productive employees in the workplace; and

19 Whereas, Organizations representing the rights and issues
20 that affect people with disabilities and West Virginia's citizens
21 with disabilities, family members and other advocates have banded
22 together in a collective group, called the Fair Shake Network, to

1 help bring their concerns to the forefront of public awareness;
2 and

3 Whereas, The purpose of Disability Advocacy Day is to
4 increase the awareness of legislators, administrators,
5 policymakers, and the public of the public policy issues that are
6 important to people with disabilities; therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Senate:*

8 That the Senate hereby designates February 9, 2011, as
9 "Disability Advocacy Day"; and, be it

10 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to
11 forward a copy of this resolution to the appropriate
12 representatives of the Fair Shake Network.